GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:352
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HOME SECRETARY CONFERENCE ON WOMEN ISSUES
Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held any conference with all India Director Generals of Police and Home Secretaries on women's issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of women's issues pending with the police;

(d) the present ratio of women in police compared to men, State-wise;

(e) the steps taken to recruit more women in police; and

(f) the welfare measures provided for the women police?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A national meet of the State Home Secretaries and Directors General of Police was organized on 25.8.2004 on 'Crime Against Women'. The conference made several recommendations and, interalia, emphasized the need for immediate registration of FIR, prompt investigation of cases, setting up of women police cells and exclusive women police stations and sensitizing police officials about gender issues and crime against women.

(c): As per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects and as such, it is the responsibility of the State Governments and UT Administrations to take necessary steps to effectively implement the provisions of various laws concerning prevention of crime against women. However, the Union Government, has from time to time issued advisories to all the State Governments and UT Administrations to give more focused attention to the administration of criminal justice system with special emphases on prevention and control of crime against women.

(d): A statement is annexed.

(e) and (f): Since 'Police' is a State subject, taking of steps for recruiting more women in police and looking after their welfare falls entirely under the jurisdiction of State Governments. The Union Government, from time to time, has been issuing advisories to the State Governments for making efforts to recruit more women in the police and provide welfare measures.